

April 29, 2014

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

A Public Safety Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Quorum Court Room, County Administration Building, Third Floor, 215 East Central, Bentonville, Arkansas

Committee Members Present: Carr, McKenzie, K. Harrison. Adams, Sandlin, Meyers

Others Present: County Judge Bob Clinard, JP's Anglin, Moore, Administrator of Public Safety Marshal Watson

Media: Tom Sissom

JP Carr called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comments

None

Discussion – Options for 2015 Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

JP Patrick Carr stated that a Benton County Fire Services Ambulance Survey was sent to each of the current providers, and reported their response to the questioner.

Lengthy discussion was held on the response from the providers and how to fund Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

JP K. Harrison made motion to send a proposal for a one-eighth percent sales tax for Emergency Medical Services funding to the May 13, 2014 Committee of the Whole agenda, seconded by JP Sandlin.

After lengthy discussion was held on the motion proposing a one-eight percent sales tax for funding Emergency Medical Services, motion failed.

JP Moore stated that discussion for EMS funding would be placed on the May 13, 2014 Committee of the Whole agenda that they would also continue the discussion of other options including a special millage and another plan for a special emergency medical services district and a fee.

After further lengthy discussion it was recommended that the continuing the arrangement with the cities in 2015 to fund EMS services, regardless of the source of money.

Other Business

None

After motion and second meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.